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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56, applicant hereby calls to the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office the following patents and other documents which are listed on attached Form PTO-1449.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of filing date of the above-referenced application.

1. U.S. Patent No. 2,432,367 issued December 9, 1947, to Andersen.
2. U.S. Patent No. 2,726,294 issued December 6, 1955, to Kroening, et al.
3. U.S. Patent No. 3,200,388 issued August 10, 1965, to Uhlig.
4. U.S. Patent No. 3,770,002 issued November 6, 1973, to Brown.
5. U.S. Patent No. 3,847,547 issued November 12, 1974, to Delgendre, et al.
6. U.S. Patent No. 3,872,419 issued March 18, 1975, to Groves.
7. U.S. Patent No. 4,163,449 issued August 7, 1979, to Regal.
8. U.S. Patent No. 4,418,712 issued December 6, 1983, to Charles A.

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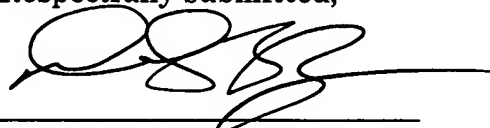
9. U.S. Patent No. 4,489,603 issued December 25, 1984, to Fukami, et al.
10. U.S. Patent No. 4,845,472 issued July 4, 1989, to Gordon, et al.
11. U.S. Patent No. 5,188,143 issued February 23, 1993, to Robert G. Krebs.
12. U.S. Patent No. 5,190,069 issued March 2, 1993, to Raymond C. Richards.
13. U.S. Patent No. 5,240,022 issued August 31, 1993, to Robert C. Franklin.
14. U.S. Patent No. 5,334,973 issued August 2, 1994, to Furr.
15. U.S. Patent No. 5,877,689 issued March 2, 1999, to Dan D'Amico.
16. U.S. Patent No. 5,844,492 issued December 1, 1998, to John J. Bufflin, Sr.

Copies of the listed documents are attached.

Applicant respectfully requests that these references be considered by the Examiner and made of record as part of the "available prior art" under 37 C.F.R. §1.104.

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